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RE: Request for Participation in North Carolina State Bar Survey of Secure
Leave Policy.

Dear Kim:

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Dear Lynette:

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Dear Jason:

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Sections

Division

Administrative Law
Antitrust & Complex Business Disputes
Appellate Practice
Construction Law
Criminal Justice
Family Law
Litigation
Zoning Planning & Land Use

Young Lawyers Division

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